

Raising Fund by PFC for Power Reforms

3558. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Power Finance Corporation has proposed to raise \$ 5 billion fund for power reforms;

(b) the reforms for which the fund is proposed to be spent; and

(c) in what manner the fund is proposed to be raised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Power Finance Corporation has at present no proposal to raise a US\$ 5 billion fund for power reforms.

Hydro-Electric Projects in Earthquake Prone Regions

3559. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to know how many Hydro-electric projects are situated in the Earthquake prone regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to conduct such study forthwith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) BIS Earthquake Code IS:1893-1984 divides the country into five seismic zones depending on the intensity of earthquake likely to occur and a total of 3596 dams are located in these zones. Zone-I is least earthquake prone and Zone-V is most earthquake prone. Therefore, any hydro-electric project site will be in one seismic zone or the other. For the hydro-electric projects owned and maintained by the State Governments, it is for the States to regularly review the safety of the existing dams as per guidelines issued by the Central Water Commission. The hydro-electric projects executed by Central Public Sector Undertakings are designed taking into account the seismic